

# CARES Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Overview

## What are CARES Act CDBG-CV funds?

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) awarded three allocations of CDBG Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds to the state CDBG program at Commerce.

## Who will receive state CDBG-CV funds?

The initial \$7.7M CDBG-CV1 allocation is granted to consortiums of rural [CDBG nonentitlement city and county governments](#) for local public services; microenterprise assistance programs; and public health, emergency response, or temporary housing facilities.

The second \$23M CDBG-CV2 allocation is proposed for:

- **\$10.5M Hunger Relief Staffing & Services** - to address the increase in need and decrease in volunteers at food banks and nutrition programs, by staffing food banks through AmeriCorps, workforce development councils and other job placement organizations across the state.
- **\$10M COVID-19 Surge Response Grants** - to expand and extend CDBG-CV1 activities administered by urban CDBG entitlement and rural CDBG nonentitlement cities and counties, based on the rise of COVID-19 cases and need.
- **\$1.5M COVID Prevent-Prepare-Respond (PPR) Grants** - for state, local and tribal activities that address a public health priority, focus on underserved communities, and prevent duplication of benefits on a fund available basis.
- **The public comment period on this CDBG-CV2 Action Plan Amendment is December 22-30, 2020, with an online public hearing on December 29, 2020 at 3:30pm.**



**The state is to distribute CARES Act CDBG-CV funds for state and local activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.**

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The third \$7.4M CDBG-CV3 allocation's preliminary proposal is to continue financing PPR Grants and address emerging federal, state and local priorities. Future needs assessment, planning and a comment period will occur before the plan's submittal for HUD approval.

## What will CDBG-CV fund?

- Local public services such as health services, emergency payments (rent, mortgage, utilities), food bank operations, legal services, child care services, etc.
- Local microenterprise assistance programs
- Public health, emergency response, or temporary housing facilities

All CDBG-CV activities must respond to the coronavirus; and meet a CDBG low- and moderate-income (LMI) or urgent need national objective.

## How do eligible cities, counties and service providers apply for CDBG-CV funds?

They submit an application describing proposed uses of funds and how federal requirements are met. Online applications and guidance materials will be announced as available at [www.commerce.wa.gov/CDBG](http://www.commerce.wa.gov/CDBG) for each CDBG-CV fund after HUD approves the state's plan for that CDBG-CV allocation.

## What is the maximum grant amount?

Grant amounts depend on the specific CDBG-CV fund and are listed in application materials.

## How do people or businesses impacted by COVID-19 access the assistance?

The state CDBG program funds local services and projects. The state CDBG program does not award direct grants for individuals or businesses. Contact your local government, [community action program](#), or [associate development organization](#) to learn if CDBG-funded assistance or other resources are available, and the eligibility criteria.

## When do the funds begin and end?

Initial CDBG-CV funds may reimburse allowable costs for approved COVID-19 activities beginning March 27, 2020 (CARES Act authorization date). The funds must be expended in a timely manner to address immediate needs. The CDBG-CV contracts will establish the end date, which could extend to June 30, 2023.

## How do I find more information?

Visit [www.commerce.wa.gov/CDBG](http://www.commerce.wa.gov/CDBG). Click on the CDBG-CV Funds site for application information and guidance materials. Click on the Consolidated Plan & Action Plan site for how to comment on proposed CDBG-CV plans. The website is updated regularly.